

## Message Text

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C O N F I D E N T I A L NATO 06905

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: MPOL, NATO, BE  
SUBJECT: BELGIAN HAWK

REF: (A) STATE 164255 (DTG 142003Z JUL 77),  
(B) USNATO 6756 (DTG 131138Z JUL 77), (C) STATE 156199  
(DTG 061525Z JUL 77)

1. THOUGH WE SEE MERIT IN THE COORDINATED SECDEF APPROACH  
OUTLINED IN REF A, WE BELIEVE THAT THIS COURSE OF ACTION  
SHOULD BE HELD IN ABEYANCE UNTIL WE HAVE A READING ON THE  
OUTCOME OF SYG LUNS' PLANNED DEMARCHE (REF B).

2. AS DESCRIBED IN REF B, WE UNDERSTAND THAT LUNS IS  
ATTEMPTING TO MEET WITH SENIOR BELGIAN OFFICIALS (PERHAPS  
INCLUDING PRIME MINISTER TINDEMANN'S IN MOD VANDEN  
BOEYNANTS' ABSENCE) TO URGE THE BELGIAN GOVERNMENT TO  
PROVIDE THE NECESSARY RESOURCES PROMPTLY TO MODERNIZE AND  
MAINTAIN BELGIAN HAWK UNITS, NOTING THAT FINANCIAL ASSIST-  
ANCE FROM EXTERNAL SOURCES IS HIGHLY UNLIKELY. WE BELIEVE  
WE SHOULD AWAIT THE OUTCOME OF THIS EFFORT BEFORE MOVING  
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FROM THE ALLIANCE FORUM TO A MULTILATERAL APPROACH.

3. IN ANY CASE, WE DO NOT RECOMMEND AT THIS STAGE A US  
DEMARCHE TO THE BELGIANS AT LEAST UNTIL WE GET A READING  
FROM LUNS ON HIS DEMARCHE, FOR THIS, WE BELIEVE,  
WOULD HAVE THE EFFECT OF MAKING A BILATERAL ISSUE OF WHAT  
IS A UNILATERAL BELGIAN RESPONSIBILITY. BENNETT



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